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Note verbale dated 26 September 2005 from the Permanent Mission of Grenada to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee established pursuant to Security Council resolution 1540 (2004)

The Permanent Mission of Grenada to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Chairman of the Committee and has the honour to transmit from the Government of Grenada its report for 2005 on the implementation of the United Nations Security Council resolution 1540 (2004) (see annex).

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Annex to the note verbale dated 26 September 2005 from the Prime Minister of Grenada to the United Nations addressed to the Committee

1. Grenada is against the proliferation of nuclear, biological and chemical weapons, as well as their delivery. Grenada supports efforts to control them.

2. Grenada has never permitted, nor does it have plans to permit the passage, or use of, or development of nuclear, biological and chemical weapons in its territory or in its territorial sea. All of its border control agencies, including Customs, Immigration and the Coast Guard have been alerted.

3. Grenada is committed to cooperating with regional and international entities with a view to ensuring that there is no proliferation of these items in or through its territory.

4. Grenada's Terrorism Act No. 5 of 2003:

(a) Criminalizes the illegal provision of, or receipt of, or facilitation of instruction or training in the making or use of nuclear, biological and chemical weapons. There is a maximum penalty of 20 years imprisonment plus a fine, for persons who are guilty of contravening these laws (Sections 31 and 32) and it also

(b) Provides for international cooperation, including information-sharing (Section 39).

5. Grenada is a treaty member of the Regional Security System of the Eastern Caribbean. This organization was created in 1982 to better enable the small island States of the Eastern Caribbean to work together to provide safety and security for members and their citizens.

6. In addition to the above, Grenada has recently modernized its passport control system by installing a machine readable system that will eventually extend to all ports of entry. The system has international links to allow for rapid cross checking of passenger manifests prior to arrival of aircraft and ships, and also manages an electronic watch list.

7. Grenada's ports of entry are compliant with international requirements.

8. Grenada is desirous of receiving material, information, training and equipment that will improve the preparedness of responsible agencies to prevent the proliferation of nuclear, biological and chemical weapons in or via its territory and that can also be used to sensitize the general public and businesses of this ongoing threat.